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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAM AND 7TH WMO CONGRESS

1. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, NORTH VIETNAM ON FEBRUARY 1 SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED BY 7TH WMO CONGRESS OPENING IN GENEVA APRIL 28. TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY OF WMO MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO APPROVE ADMISSION. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS IS FIRST NVN EFFORT IN AT LEAST 15 YEARS TO JOIN A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY. IF NVN OBTAINS WMO MEMBERSHIP THIS COULD LEAD TO ITS OBTAINING UN OBSERVER STATUS IN NEW YORK.

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2. ACTION BY WMO TO ADMIT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD, IN USG

JUDGMENT, BE PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE AT TIME WHEN NVN IS CONDUCTING FULL-SCALE MILITARY AGGRESSION IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT AGAINST TERRITORY LONG HELD BY RVN. WITHOUT REGARD TO THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE NORTH HAS ATTRIBUTES OF A STATE, OR ANY MERIT IN ITS PRESENCE IN UN ORGANIZATIONS (THUS UNDERLINING EXISTENCE OF TWO BUT NOT THREE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS), USG WILL VOTE AGAINST WMO MEMBERSHIP FOR HANOI. WE SHALL ALSO ADVISE GOVERNMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE, OF OUR INTENTION TO DO SO.

3. NUMBER OF STATES WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED NORTH VIETNAM OR ARE IN PROCESS OF DOING SO, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS THAT EVEN AN ALL-OUT USG LOBBYING EFFORT MIGHT NOT RPT NOT SUCCEED IN PRODUCING BLOCKING THIRD. FURTHERMORE, WE WISH TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS ON PREVENTING "PRG" ADMISSION TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHETHER AS MEMBER OR OBSERVER. (WHILE "PRG" BID FOR WMO OBSERVER STATUS DEFEATED IN RECENT MAIL BALLOT, AND WE DO NOT EXPECT DIFFICULT PROBLEM, SOVIETS HAVE INTIMATED THEY WILL RAISE ISSUE AGAIN AT 7TH CONGRESS. RECENT EVENTS IN SVN MAY, HOWEVER, IMPROVE PRG'S CHANCES AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR A STIFF FIGHT.)

4. IMPORTANT TO NOTE IN THIS CONTEXT IS POSSIBILITY THAT BOTH NORTH VIETNAM AND "PRG" MAY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. APPLICATIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY 28TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY WHICH OPENS IN GENEVA MAY 13, AND WHERE ADMISSION IS BY SIMPLE MAJORITY. USG WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO DEFEAT ANY "PRG" BID FOR MEMBERSHIP, BUT CONSIDERS IT PROBABLE THAT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN WHO EVEN IF WE WERE TO GO ALL OUT TO PREVENT ITS ADMISSION. BUT WE THINK PRG CAN BE DENIED ENTRY AND WE SHALL USE OUR LOBBYING RESOURCES TO DEFEAT THE "PRG" IN WMO, WHO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, WHILE VOTING "NO" ON NORTH VIETNAM AS WELL, FOR REASONS STATED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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